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FACT SHEET

National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories: Off-Site Waste and Recovery Operations - Correction and Minor Technical Amendments

TODAY'S ACTION...

- ! The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is amending the July 1996 promulgated rule and the July 1999 direct/final amendments. These amendments to the rule do not change the emission control requirements or the impact of the rule.
- ! The action amends the monitoring requirements.
- ! This action corrects typographic and formatting errors.

SUMMARY OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE EPA'S OFF-SITE WASTE AND RECOVERY OPERATIONS RULE

- ! The action removes the ± 1 percent accuracy requirement in §63.693 (d)(3)(ii), (e)(3)(ii), (f)(3)(iii), and (g)(3)(ii) and replaces it with reference to part 60, appendix B, Performance Specification 8 or 9. This will aid sources in choosing and certifying appropriate monitors, as well as establishing quality assurance procedures for maintaining, calibrating and auditing the monitors.
- ! The action adds another option to the carbon canister monitoring and replacement requirements in §63.693 (d)(3) and (4).
- ! The action adds §63.684(b)(1)(ii)(A)&(B) and §63.685(i)(4) that were inadvertently left out of the previous Federal Register actions.
- ! The amendments correct typographic and formatting errors in the July 1996 rule and the July 1999 amendments.

BACKGROUND

- ! The EPA promulgated National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants from Off-Site Waste and Recovery Operations (OSWRO NESHAP) on July 1, 1996 (see 61 FR 34140).
- ! The OSWRO NESHAP establish standards to control HAP emissions from certain waste

management and recovery operations that are not subject to Federal air standards under other subparts in 40 CFR part 61 or 63.

- ! OSWRO rule requires control of air emissions at plant sites operating under certain conditions. The first condition is that the facility is classified as a "major source" of HAP (10 tons/year or more of a listed HAP or 25 tons/year or more of a combination of HAP). The facility must also receive certain wastes, used oil, and/or used solvents from off-site locations. These "off-site materials" must be managed in specific types of waste management or recovery operations.
- ! On July 20, 1999 (see 64 FR 38950) EPA published a direct final rule in the Federal Register that amended the promulgated regulation. The direct final rule amendments resolved issues and questions raised after promulgation of the final rule. In addition, other amendments were made to correct technical omissions, to make specific requirements consistent and up-to-date with recent EPA decisions made for other related air rules, and to correct terminology, typographical, printing, and grammatical errors. The changes to the regulation did not have significant impacts on the originally projected compliance costs, environmental benefits, burden on industry, or the number of affected facilities.

ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS OF EPA'S DIRECT FINAL AMENDMENTS TO THE OFF-SITE WASTE AND RECOVERY OPERATIONS RULE

- ! Today's technical amendments will not change the costs or emission reductions of the final rule issued in July 1996 (as amended in July 1999).

HOW WILL THE AMENDMENTS AFFECT INDUSTRY?

- ! The amendment to the monitoring requirements will aid sources in choosing and certifying appropriate monitors, as well as establishing quality assurance procedures for maintaining, calibrating and auditing the monitors.
- ! The amendment to the carbon canister monitoring and replacement requirements will provide another option that can be used for compliance with the rule.
- ! The correction of typographic and formatting errors will make the regulation more readable for the regulated community.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

- ! Interested parties can download the amendment from EPA's web site on the Internet under recent actions at the following address: <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/oarpg/>. For further information on the amendment, contact Ms. Elaine Manning of EPA's Office of Air Quality

Planning and Standards at (919) 541-5499.

- ! EPA's Office of Air and Radiation's homepage on the Internet contains a wide range of information on the air toxics program, as well as many other air pollution programs and issues. The Office of Air and Radiation's home page address is: *<http://www.epa.gov/oar/>*.